SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI (Maharashtra): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I desire to speak because of a specific reference, that Shri Sitaram Yechury made, that this is one of the occasions where the organised labour is taking up the cause of the unorganised labour on behalf of the unorganised labour of India, particularly, those working in the agriculture sector. I would say that this organised labour class has never stood for the demands of the unorganised sector. So, this protest is specifically political and is meant for the organised sector alone.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now we will take up the Dalmia Dadri Cement Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Amendment Bill, 2006.

GOVERNMENT BILLS— *Contd.*

The Dalmia Dadri Cement Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Amendment Bill, 2006

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): Sir, I beg to move:

> "That the Bill to amend the Dalmia Dadri Cement Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1981, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now we shall take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, I move: "That the Bill be passed"

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI (Kerala): Sir, I wanted to speak on this...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Bill has been passed...

SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: That is a convenient answer. It is not fair... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SHARADANANTRAO JOSHI (Maharashtra): Sir, this Bill has been given to us only now. Even after having gone through it twice, I am not quite clear as to which are the words to be substituted and for what. Will the Minister explain?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The process is over. There was no speaker on this.

Now, we shall take up the prevention of Child Marriage Bill, 2004.

THE PREVENTION OF CHILD MARRIAGE BILL, 2004

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKACHOWDHURY):

Sir, I move:

"That the Bill to provide for the prevention of solemnisation of child marriages and for matters connected there with or incidental thereto, be taken into consideration."

Sir, if you look at the two words 'child marriage', I think they contradict each other. Achild is entitled to a childhood, and marriage is to be done to an adult, one who can take the responsibility of being a wife, the responsibility of bringing another life to motherhood and the responsibilities of a society. So, the term 'child marriage' itself is an obscenity that needs to be recognized and curtailed.

Sir, the Child Marriage Restraint Act of 1929 was transferred to us in January 2006. We thought that it is important for us to be able to bring about a legislation that will actually make a difference to the status of children. Now, why is it important for us to bring about this restraint? We have questions raised by hon. Members in this august House where we